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**THE CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION**

One of the big questions of the day is as to when the Illinois constitutional convention shall be called, where it shall be held, and how the 102 delegates who will sit in it are to be chosen among the most important questions that will come before the new Illinois legislature that assembles in Springfield Wednesday, Jan. 8.

It is conceded that the proposition to call the convention was ratified on Nov. 5 by a majority of the total vote cast of at least 50,000. There seems to be no doubt but the new general assembly, following its constitutional duty, will pass the enabling act that fixes the date and place for the assembling of the convention, prescribes the method of electing the 102 delegates, fixes their compensation, and makes appropriation for the expenses of the convention.

Already there are symptoms that there is to be a hard fight over this bill.

The constitution of 1870 provides that two delegates shall be elected from each senatorial district as they now exist.

Here is where the first argument seems to have arisen. Close construction of this section, it is claimed in some quarters, prevents the non-partisan election of convention delegates, and requires that delegates shall be nominated in party primaries.

Politically, as the districts now stand, there are nineteen districts in Cook county, six of which are clearly Democratic and thirteen undoubtedly Republican. Downstate there are only four districts out of thirty-two that are Democratic, with twenty-eight Republican.

This would seem to indicate that it is the Republicans who object to the non-partisan system of electing delegates. The objection, however, comes from Democratic quarters, chiefly from Democrats who will be in the next legislature, who are lined up at all points against woman suffrage and who fought the constitutional convention proposal at all stages of its legislative progress.

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**BUSBY FOR
BETTERMENT**

Willingness to co-operate in any movement that will better the transportation system of Chicago was expressed by Leonard A. Busby, president of the Chicago Surface Lines, in a statement to the city council committee on local transportation. The aldermen were considering Mayor Thompson's recommendation that forfeiture proceedings be brought because of alleged failure of the surface line companies to comply with the terms of the 1907 ordinances. The mayor's contentions were riddled by Walter L. Fisher, traction counsel for the city, and Mr. Busby.

"The service is now the best which it is practical to maintain under existing physical conditions, and separate ownership and operation of the surface and elevated lines," said Mr. Busby.

"The reason we cannot get better service during the rush hours and carry more people with greater speed and comfort is that it is physically impossible to operate more cars during the rush hours in or through the congested downtown district. These conditions in the downtown district impose limitations on the service outside this district, for the reason that the main trunk lines from the outlying sections of the city nearly all run into or through this congested territory."

"The congestion in the territory from Chicago avenue to 22d street, and from Halsted street to the lake is increasing every year, and traffic conditions are growing worse."

"The only solution practicable is the unification of the surface and elevated lines, and the construction of subways through the congested territory. We cannot stop where we are. A solution of the problem must be found."

"I wish to make it plain that the surface line companies will co-operate with the city in any plan which will furnish better conditions."

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NANCE NEEDED**City Council Should Regulate
Conditions in the Loop.

The City Council should pass an ordinance prohibiting people from loitering on the sidewalks in the Loop. Pedestrians should be compelled by law to keep to the right. As things are at present, without any sort of regulation, some of the downtown streets are almost impassable.

Lawrence Williams, the president of the big Oliver Typewriter Company, is one of those public-spirited men who have been the making of Chicago's greatness. Mr. Williams is noted for his progressiveness and his business ability is attested by the success of the great concern of which he is the head.

Frank A. West, the popular member of the State Board of Equalization from the Ninth District, is making a good record.

Otto Rice, the popular secretary and manager of the Quick Service Laundry Company, would make a splendid West Park commissioner. He is public spirited and popular, and has the good wishes of his fellow citizens.

Addison street, one of the widest and longest east and west streets on the north and west sides, should be made a boulevard.

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Chicago Athletic Association, 11 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 221 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 27 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe at City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave.

Colonial Club of Chicago, 4441 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks—174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6223 Harvard avenue.

Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 28d at Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st.

Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 26 North Dearborn street.

Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st.

Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

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South Shore Country, Lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street.

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Swedish Club of Chicago, 1288 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

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